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ORDINANCE NO. 12-1019

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that Section 23-121 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, adopted May 13, 1982 and becoming effective September 1, 1982, amended by Ordinance 84-713 on November 20, 1984; amended by Ordinance 90-617 on November 20, 1990; amended by Ordinance 95-306 on May 11, 1995; amended by Ordinance 99-314 on April 8, 1999; amended by Ordinance 00-313 on April 13, 2000; amended by Ordinance 02-842 on October 10, 2002; amended by Ordinance 03-246 on April 24, 2003; amended by Ordinances 05-550 on August 11, 2005; and last amended by Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, adopted November 20, 2007 by Ordinance 07-1125, and being entitled "SCHEDULE", is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 23-121.        Schedule.

- (a) The rate charges to consumers of water by the City for the monthly consumption beginning with January 2013 billing cycle, increasing on the October 2013 billing cycle, increasing on the October 2014 billing cycle, increasing on the October 2015 billing cycle and increasing on the October 2016 billing cycle and continuing thereafter, shall be as follows:

Consumer Classes	Effective January 2013	Effective October 2013	Effective October 2014	Effective October 2015	Effective October 2016
Residential- Inside City Limits					
First 3,000 gallons	\$1.28 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.29 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.30 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.32 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.33 per 1,000 gallons
Next 3,000 gallons	\$1.64 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.66 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.68 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.69 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.71 per 1,000 gallons
Next 6,000 gallons	\$1.83 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.85 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.87 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.89 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.91 per 1,000 gallons
Over 12,000 gallons	\$2.51 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.69 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.75 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.88 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.01 per 1,000 gallons
All Sprinkler	\$2.51 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.69 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.75 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.88 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.01 per 1,000 gallons

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Consumer Classes	Effective January 2013	Effective October 2013	Effective October 2014	Effective October 2015	Effective October 2016
Wholesale/Resale					
Sole Source	\$1.89 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.91 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.92 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.94 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.96 per 1,000 gallons
Supplemental	\$5.96 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.08 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.20 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.32 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.45 per 1,000 gallons
Multi Meter Sole Source					
First 5,000,000 gallons	\$1.89 per 1,000	\$1.91 per 1,000	\$1.92 per 1,000	\$1.94 per 1,000	\$1.96 per 1,000
Over 5,000,000 gallons	\$1.55 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.56 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.58 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.59 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.61 per 1,000 gallons
Commercial/Indus trial					
Up to 1,000,000 gallons	\$1.89 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.91 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.92 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.94 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.96 per 1,000 gallons
Above 1,000,000 gallons	\$1.55 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.56 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.58 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.59 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.61 per 1,000 gallons
All Sprinkler	\$2.51 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.69 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.75 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.88 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.01 per 1,000 gallons
Metered Fire Line	\$2.51 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.69 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.75 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.88 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.01 per 1,000 gallons

- (b) In addition to the above rates for water consumed, there is an availability charge that is added to the consumption charge, which charge is based on having water available to the customer or consumer for water consumed or used. In the event there is no consumption, the availability charge alone will apply. The availability charge is based on meter size, and is as follows:

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Meter Size	Effective January 2013	Effective October 2013	Effective October 2014	Effective October 2015	Effective October 2016
Each 1" meter or smaller	\$6.34	\$7.84	\$9.34	\$10.84	\$12.34
Each 1½" meter	\$19.53	\$24.15	\$28.77	\$33.40	\$38.02
Each 2" meter	\$29.64	\$36.65	\$43.66	\$50.67	\$57.68
Each 3" meter	\$63.02	\$77.93	\$92.84	\$107.75	\$122.66
Each 4" meter	\$102.25	\$126.44	\$150.63	\$174.82	\$199.01
Each 6" meter	\$203.18	\$251.25	\$299.32	\$347.39	\$395.46
Each 8" meter	\$276.37	\$341.75	\$407.14	\$472.53	\$537.91
Each 10" meter	\$525.30	\$649.58	\$773.86	\$898.14	\$1022.42
FIRE LINE	\$5.16 per inch	\$6.38 per inch	\$7.60 per inch	\$8.82 per inch	\$10.04 per inch
Fire Hydrant Charge	\$7.24	\$7.31	\$7.39	\$7.46	\$7.53

- (c) Except for wholesale/resale supplemental and sole-source sale where water is used through a common meter, and
- (1) Where more than one house, building, or structure used for living, eating, or sleeping quarters, or in which a business occupation or profession is conducted or carried on, or
  - (2) In apartment houses or buildings, or
  - (3) In houses or buildings occupied by more than one family, or
  - (4) In business houses or buildings where one or more persons or entities are located therein and each person or entity is engaged in a separate business or different business, or
  - (5) Mobile home parks or facilities where multiple units or spaces each have a water connection, then

each separate house, building, or structure, each unit in an apartment house or building, each family in one house, each person or entity engaged in a separate business or different business in one business house or building, each space or unit in a mobile home park or facility shall be subject to the availability charge per month of Six and 34/100 (\$6.34) Dollars, effective January 2013, Seven and 84/100 (\$7.84) Dollars effective October 2013, Nine and 34/100 (9.34) Dollars effective October 2014, Ten and 84/100 (\$10.84) Dollars effective October 2015 and Twelve and 34/100 (\$12.34) Dollars effective October 2016 in addition to any water consumed. If there is no consumption, the availability charge as set forth in paragraph (b) will apply.

- (d) Provided further, that for residences, apartments, mobile home parks, and commercial establishments serving six (6) or more families, apartment units, separate or different businesses through a common master meter, the charge shall be \$1.64 per 1,000 gallons effective January 2013, \$1.66 per 1,000 gallons effective October 2013, \$1.68 per 1,000 gallons effective October 2014, \$1.69 per 1,000 gallons effective October 2015, and \$1.71 per 1,000 gallons effective October 2016. In addition to the above, there will be an availability charge per month of \$6.34 effective January 2013, \$7.84 effective October 2013, \$9.34 effective October 2014, \$10.84 effective October 2015, and \$12.34 effective October 2016, per unit.
- (e) The City of Huntsville shall pay a monthly maintenance charge of Seven and 24/100 (\$7.24) Dollars effective January 2013, Seven and 31/100 (\$7.31) Dollars effective October 2013, Seven and 39/100 (\$7.39) effective October 2014, Seven and 46/100 (\$7.46) Dollars effective October 2015, and Seven and 53/100 (\$7.53) Dollars effective October 2016, for each fire hydrant in the water system.
- (f) Rates - Consumers Outside the City Limits:
  - (1) In addition to the rates for water consumed, there is an availability charge that is added to the consumption charge which charge shall be based on having water available to the customer or consumer for water consumed or used. In the event there is no consumption, the availability alone will apply. The availability charge is based on the meter size and is as follows:

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Monthly Availability Charge	Effective January 2013
Each 1" meter or smaller	\$10.00
Each 1½" and 2" meter	\$30.00
Each 3" meter	\$50.00
Each 4" meter and larger	\$100.00

- (2) The rate charges to consumers for water outside the City Limits for monthly consumption shall be as follows:

Consumer Classes Outside City Limits	Effective January 2013
<b>Residential</b>	
First 2,500 gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 2,500 gallons	\$3.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons
All over 50,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Multi-Unit Residential</b>	
First 2,500 gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 2,500 gallons	\$3.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons
All over 50,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Commercial</b>	
First 2,500 gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 2,500 gallons	\$3.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons
All over 50,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Multi-Unit Commercial</b>	
First 2,500 gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 2,500 gallons	\$3.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons
All over 50,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1,000 gallons

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Additionally, the charge or rate for all over 50,000 gallons is to be increased at the same time the Wholesale/Resale Supplemental rate is increased by Huntsville Utilities as charged to the Madison County Water Department.

- (3) Adjustment: The rate charges to consumers outside the City Limits shall be increased or decreased when rates charged by the Madison County Water Department to its consumers are increased or decreased.
- (4) However, in no event shall a customer outside the City Limits pay less than comparable customers inside the City Limits plus a fifteen cent (\$0.15) per 1,000 gallon service premium added to any outside the City Limits rate classes.

The rates and charges as set forth in this amendment shall become effective with meter readings on and after December 31, 2012.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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President of the City Council of  
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama